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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, Claims 1 and 15. Applicants traverse the rejection as follows.

The claims have been amended to address the two references cited by the Examiner. Claim 1 is now directed specifically to the signal peptide having utility to trigger an immune response against certain tumor cells as shown by the present specification. Claims 11-12 are cancelled with this amendment in addition to claims 2-10 which were previously cancelled.. All outstanding claims are now dependent upon claim 1 and share the special technical feature of claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn in view of Applicants' amendment. In the event that the restriction requirement is maintained and made final, Applicants intend to request rejoinder of claims 13-34 upon indication of allowable subject matter for claim 1.

Applicant reserves the right to pursue the remaining claims in a divisional application. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of Claims 1 and 13-34 is respectfully requested.

With this amendment, claims 1, 13, 15, 21, 24, and 27-30 have been amended. Claims 27-30 are amended to address the Examiner's comment on page 2 of the Office Action and to improve the presentation of the claims. No new matter is added with this amendment.

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Conclusion

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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